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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : CARLIN et al. Confirmation No: 7758  
Appl. No. : 09/700,712  
Filed : November 13, 2001  
Title : METHOD OF PRODUCING THY A-STRAINS OF VIBRIO  
CHOLERAEE, SUCH AS STRAINS AND THEIR USE

TC/A.U. : 1645  
Examiner : S. J. N. Devi

Docket No.: : CARL3004/REF  
Customer No: : 23364

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant amendment of March 16, 2006, in connection with the above-identified application.

Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.